

NOTED VIOLINIST 'STUNG' FOR \$50,000; BEMOANS DEAL IN FAKE STOCKS

Gartz-Hocky, Widely Known to Philadelphians, Says Swindlers Duped Him in This City

FRIEND GAVE WARNING

Gregor A. Gartz-Hocky, known to Philadelphians as frequent of the Knickerbocker club in the career of the violinist, has long been the premier violin soloist, isn't an affable folk here as he used to be. He says that all Philadelphia's more or less noted musicians are foolish, for he hasn't anything to lose—any more. He has it all—here.

The story goes back to New Year's Eve, but it comes out now. That is because the violinist appeared yesterday before the District Attorney in New York, and asked for a \$50,000 fine. He said, out of \$50,000 of Philadelphia.

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AWAY GOES THE MONEY!

On December 31 last, Gartz-Hocky and Clifton came to Philadelphia to meet Williams and find out how much he was willing to give for the stock. They met him in the Ritz-Carlton Hotel and had a lavish New Year's eve celebration.

612 DIE HERE IN WEEK

Pneumonia Claims Many Victims in Seven Days—Weather Conditions Cause

Pneumonia and kindred diseases claimed more victims during the last seven days than during any similar period of the year, with the exception of the first week of 1915, which marked the end of record figures for the epidemic.

PROBE DROWNING OF BOY

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Disston Declare Park Guards Could Have Saved Morris Brodsky

An investigation of charges of cowardice on the part of Park guards in the drowning of 8-year-old Morris Brodsky, of 1921 North Patton street, is being made today by Captain Duncan, of the Park department.

OLD CHURCH TO GET FLAG

Harry A. Mackey Will Make Presentation Speech to Moravians

The First Moravian Church, Fairmount avenue below 11th street, will be presented with a silk American flag tomorrow evening by the Washington Camp, No. 570, Patriotic Order Sons of America.

Buy Three Blocks of Ground

Daniel Crawford, Jr., has purchased from Edwin Wolf the three blocks of ground extending from Wyoming avenue to Loudon street, from Loudon street to Rockland street and from Rockland street to Fiske street, between 9th and 10th streets, comprising about seven acres.

President Has Written 2 1/3 Miles of His Name

White House statisticians announced today that President Wilson had signed more than 1500 letters and commissions this week—an unusually large number.

The President signs on an average 50,000 various kinds of documents a year. He is an exceptionally slow penman, and the scrawling of his signature consumes six seconds. The statistical bugaboo figured that he consumes 83 hours a year merely writing "Woodrow Wilson." The signature is three inches long when he puts the final flourish on it. After a year in the White House he has written two and a third miles of "Woodrow Wilsons."

CHARLIE CHAPLIN WANTS TO MARRY

Blonde or Brunette? No Matter. Also Wants to Play Hamlet

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Charlie Chaplin, whose gyrations on the movie screen have made him both famous and wealthy, and who will lead the orchestra at the benefit performance at the Hippodrome tomorrow, consented to be interviewed today.

Charlie is not content to swing his cane, spin on one leg and tip his hat from behind. He has two serious ambitions. One is to play Hamlet in the movie and the other is to marry a woman who is both beautiful and brainy.

"Shakespeare is my favorite author," Mr. Chaplin confided, "but, you see, I never read him."

The movie king is English by birth and is 25 years old.

"What type of beauty do you prefer—blonde or brunette?" Charlie was asked.

The king of laugh-makers pondered for a moment and then replied: "both."

The statements were made in the lobby of the Plaza Hotel and strange as it may seem, Charlie didn't break a single piece of furniture nor upset a single passer-by during the course of the talk.

It is worthy of note that, even in private life, Mr. Chaplin turns up his toes. He is small and clean-shaven and has black hair which rolls back in classic waves over his forehead. It is safe to predict that New York will see something new in the way of a comedian here in the near future. If Charlie does not dash into the first row and bring down his baton upon the head of some bald-headed patron of the performance, the audience is going to be very much disappointed.

MUNICIPAL COURT REVERSED BUT TWICE

Remarkable Record Shown in Two Years—Limits to Powers

The Municipal Court has completed the first two years of its existence in Philadelphia with only two decisions reversed by the Superior Court. During the two years that the court has been handling litigation, 134 appeals have been taken to the higher courts. Of these 63 have been disposed of with only 2 reversed, and 55 have been affirmed, but no decision rendered as yet.

The report shows that 79 per cent. of the cases considered by the Court during 1915 were disposed of, and if the cases in process of settlement are excluded from the total of unsettled cases the disposals would be 84 per cent. If the cases brought over from 1914 be eliminated, the disposals during the year 1915 would be almost 93 per cent. of the total number of cases brought or reinstated during the year.

A total of 782 cases were brought or reinstated in the court during 1915 and in addition to these 1360 cases were brought over from 1914, making a grand total of 862 cases considered during the year by the various branches of the court.

"It is regrettable," the report states, "that the jurisdiction of our Court was not extended to all phases of the questions that arise between landlords and tenants, and it is also to be deplored that with the law as it is we cannot so grade our costs or control our service and procedure as to make it possible to try wage claims and the like at a minimum cost."

"The opportunity for real social service and economy would be offered in such wage claims in the service of our writs of habeas corpus and do. In the elimination of formal pleading so far as possible. Certainly much good could be effected if answers to claims of a small amount could be tried at night by clerks and tried a prescribed number of days thereafter before a small claim department."

The report shows that the gross receipts of the court for 1915 were \$203,577.77 as compared with \$20,278.26 in 1914. The total amount in verdicts rendered for plaintiffs during 1915 was \$1,967.83 as compared with \$1083.93 for defendants.

Physician's Auto Injures Boy

Lawrence Meeney, 7 years old, of 3083 North Hydenham street, was run down and severely injured last night at Broad street and Allegheny avenue by an automobile driven by Dr. V. G. Kimball, of Pitman Grove, N. J. The boy was taken to the Samaritan Hospital, where it was found he had suffered concussion of the brain, a broken collar bone and severe cuts and bruises of the body. Doctor Kimball gave himself up and was arrested on the night court, where Magistrate Beaton held him in \$800 bail for a further hearing.

Centenarian Shovels Snow and Dies

BINGHAMTON, N. Y., Feb. 18.—Nathaniel English, who celebrated his 100th birthday last September, died here today of a cold caught when he shoveled snow off the sidewalk of his home last Tuesday. His fatal illness was his first. English was the father of one son and two daughters, all dead, the youngest of whom was 78.

Mrs. Belmont in Suffrage Operetta

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—The Belmont suffrage operetta and satire on society, "Mollie's and Her Sisters," was presented last night at the Waldorf-Astoria. The collaboration of Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont and Miss Eliza Maxwell, of London, went off without a hitch.

Girl Dies on Way to School

VINELAND, N. J., Feb. 18.—While running to escape a tardy mark at school, Catherine, 8-year-old daughter of A. Cavagnaro, fell on the country road from Vineland to Camden, where she was picked up by a car and died in its arms.

GIRLS OF YESTERDAY AND TODAY



WOMAN LEAVES \$1000 FOR CARE OF PET CAT

Will Reveals Bequest to "Mrs. Puss," Friend and Companion of Testatrix

A strange tale of death and devotion in which the central figure is a woman and her pet cat has come out in the probating of the will of Miss Resalia T. Stuart, and a bequest of \$1000 that came recently to Miss Hannah H. Michener, of this city.

Miss Stuart for many years lived at 219 North 11th street. She had a best constant companion and warm friend a "Mrs. Puss." Miss Stuart became ill several months ago and was taken to the Women's Homeopathic Hospital, where she died on February 7. Some time previous to her illness, Miss Stuart had made a will in which the Merchants Union Trust Company was named as executor.

When the will was filed for probate, the document revealed the fact that "Mrs. Puss" was an angora cat. The will read: "I give and bequeath to the Merchants Union Trust Company the sum of \$1000 in trust, nevertheless, to invest and reinvest the same and from time to time change the investment thereof, collect the income therefrom and after deducting all legal charges to apply the net income to the board and maintenance of my family cat so long as it shall live. In the event of the cat's death, the bequest was to go to Miss Michener.

The will was regularly witnessed by officers of the trust company.

MAN LOSES LIFE WHEN HIT BY KEG OF BEER

Drinking Party Ends in Tragedy When Barrel Slips, Striking Victim

The story of how a 75-pound keg of beer slipped from the shoulder of an early morning stranger and crushed the skull of John Strang, 23 years old, of 389 South Front street, toward street, a few minutes after the accident, today brought pledges of total abstinence from five remorseful men before Magistrate Baker, at the 3d and Dickinson streets station.

Early today, Strang and five other men were proceeding up three flights of stairs to the rooms of Patrick McGarvey, at 170 South 4th street. The men were led by William Rutter, 25 years old, of 102 Emily street. Rutter carried a keg of beer on his left shoulder. Within a few steps of the landing of the third flight, Rutter stumbled, and the keg of beer fell from his shoulders on the head of Strang, who fell to the landing below. He was unconscious when picked up, and died in an ambulance which was taking him to Mount Sinai Hospital.

Special Policemen Alburger and Cohen, of the 3d and Dickinson streets station, arrested Rutter and these men: Frank Connolly, 327 South Front street; Joseph Thompson, of 205 South Philip street; Daniel O'Brien, of 170 South Lee street; and Arthur Deary, of 1702 South Lee street.

All were held without bail by Magistrate Baker to await the action of the Coroner.

The defendants all swore never to touch a drop of liquor again after Magistrate Baker had delivered a severe temperance lecture to them.

"This little case," said the Magistrate, "is a sample of what may happen. It will get you in the end if you persist in playing with it. I advise every one of you men to take the pledge and stick to it."

A spectator, who suggested in a loud undertone that Strang might have escaped serious injury if the beer in the keg had been "light beer," was quickly suppressed by a court attendant, and ordered from the courtroom.

FIREMAN INHERITS \$50,000

John T. Lammon Also Recipient of Half a Dozen Leap Year Proposals

John T. Lammon says that if he is to be loved he wants to be loved for himself alone, or himself principally, at least.

Lammon is a member of Fire Company No. 25 in Kensington, and has had half a dozen leap year suggestions from girls around the neighborhood. But he isn't concerned about it; he believes girls would like him for a husband because it has just been learned he is worth \$50,000.

Four years ago his mother died and he inherited her estate. Thursday he learned that she left \$50,000 in securities in a safe deposit box. A trust company "tipped" him off.

West Philadelphia Church Celebrates

Special services will be conducted in the Ninth Presbyterian Church, 87th street and Washington avenue, tomorrow, in observance of the third anniversary of the dedication of the new church edifice. The pastor, the Rev. Dr. John A. Higdon, will conduct interesting programs at the morning and evening hours for worship, and the Sunday school will celebrate in the afternoon. More than 60 new members have been received into the church since its removal to West Philadelphia.

CARUSO RESENTS SLAP OF FARRAR'S 'CARMEN'

Says Movie Realism Must Stop or She Will Have to Get a New Don, Jose

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—That slap, dash, furniture-wrecking realism that made Geraldine Farrar's progress through Holland a triumphal march will not be viewed upon the stage of the Metropolitan Opera House again. If realism calls for a slap on the face such as would fall on an ordinary man, if it demands that an innocent and hard-working chorus girl be dragged around the stage until she is on the verge of hysteria, if it demands that a star struggle as if in the clutch of a hold-up man—well, Caruso doesn't care to appear as Don Jose to Mme. Farrar-Tellegen's Carmen.

Moreover, the great tenor made this announcement in no uncertain terms to the new Mrs. Tellegen at the conclusion of Thursday night's blood-stirring performance of "Carmen."

In the first act, when Don Jose approached her in the person of Caruso, she "resented" his advances with a slap on the cheek that awakened strange echoes in the opera house and caused operators to stand up and take notice.

In the concluding scene, in which the famous fight scene occurs, she exerted her strength with such success that Caruso found it almost impossible to retain her in his clutch. After the final curtain Caruso spoke his mind.

"Remember, please, that this is the Metropolitan Opera House, not the movies," he said.

"Well, if you do not like my Carmen you can get another one," was the indignant retort.

"No," said Caruso, "if there must be a change I will have a new Don Jose."

And that is the way the difference now stands.

FRANCIS MAY BECOME AMBASSADOR TO CZAR

Post at Petrograd Said to Have Been Offered to Ex-Governor of Missouri

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Ex-Governor David R. Francis, of St. Louis, has been offered the post of United States Ambassador to Russia, it is understood in official circles today.

Francis was offered the post as Minister to Argentina by President Wilson shortly after the latter's inauguration and declined it. He was then offered the post of Ambassador to Petrograd, but he has declined it. He is believed to think he will accept the post.

SACRED CONCERT TO AID JEWISH WAR SUFFERERS

Mayor and Mrs. Smith Lead List of Boxholders

A sacred concert for the benefit of the Jewish war sufferers, which will be attended by representative Philadelphians, will be held tomorrow night at the Metropolitan Opera House, Grand and Poplar streets. The concert will be under the auspices of the Jewish World. Among the boxholders will be Mayor Smith and Mrs. Smith, Charles H. W. Speller, J. Edgar Hoover, and Mrs. J. Edgar Hoover, Vivienne Segal, Hans Kindler and Giuseppe Boghetti. Clifford Vaughan will be at the piano.

Those who have subscribed for boxes are:

- Mayor and Mrs. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Thomas B. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. William S. Vane, Speller, Mrs. J. Edgar Hoover, Ed. J. Ginn, Mrs. W. H. Vane, Ginn, Mr. and Mrs. William Judge and Mrs. B. Leatin, Judge and Mrs. Norris, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wood, Roland Longstrech, Dorothy Lynch, Mrs. Harry Davis, Mr. and Mrs. David M. and Mrs. James A. Wolf, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Wolf, Mr. and Mrs. James Lambert, Mr. and Mrs. William F. Gibbs, Mrs. Ella G. Gervilly, Ginn, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ginn, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Ginn, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Pfeffer, Ginn, Dr. and Mrs. L. S. Mrs. H. H. Skerrett, Rubinsch, Mr. and Mrs. H. Durbin, Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Mr. A. A. Christian, C. Kraus, Mr. Lepziger, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Sydney, Ginn, Greenfield, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Eisenbaum, Mrs. Benjamin C. Ginn, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Hartman, C. A. Bait, Dr. and Mrs. S. J. Jacob D. Little.

Two Bishops and Judge to Speak

Prominent Reformed Episcopal clergymen and laymen will attend the 29th annual young people's conference in Christ Memorial Church, 4d and Chestnut streets, next Tuesday. The Rev. Dr. A. E. Barrett, pastor of the Church of the Redeemer, will be the chief speaker at the afternoon session which will begin at 2:30 o'clock. The leading addresses of the evening service, which is to begin at 7:30, will be by Judge Raymond MacNelly, of the Municipal Court, Bishops Robert L. Rudolph and Pengeley will make short addresses.

Horses Saved From Flames

Six horses were led out from a stable adjoining the office of Frederick De Pue, 177 North American street, when flames early today destroyed the one-story office building and threatened to spread to the stable. Mr. De Pue is in the coal and ice business. The flames caused damage amounting to approximately \$1500. An overhauled fire engine was called to have been the cause of the fire.

Advertisement for Dunlap & Co. HATS, featuring 'EXTRA QUALITY' and 'CELEBRATED HATS'. The ad includes the company name and address: 914 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, New York, Chicago. Agents in all Principal Cities.

Advertisement for M. J. MARGULIES & CO. HEATING HOT WATER VAPOR STEAM. The ad includes the company name and address: 125 So. 5th PHILADELPHIA.

MASKED GIRL UNMASKED SHE'S A VARIETY SINGER

"Widow's Mourning" Discarded Now That She Has Landed Stage Job

The masked widow has been unmasked. Instead of wearing the mask to mourn the loss of her husband without having the tears interrupted by social engagements, it appears that it was worn to mourn the loss of vaudeville dates, of which there was a scarcity.

On reaching this city, the widow, who wore blue mourning, went to the 5 and 10 cent store, with her brother, and invested in a white mask. The pair then invaded the Adelphi Hotel, where they remained a few hours to get a prosperous address. In this environment, the widow, who said she was Dorothy Kenning, sent out a pathetic story about her husband falling in the battle of Ypres, and told in gloomy tones how she married him against the will of her father, etc., etc.

It was intended at the time that the widow and her brother Forbes were relatives of the late Baron Anshausen. They didn't deny it, being under the impression that the Baron was probably the present German Ambassador.

And like their distinguished prototype, they sent out a new romance each day along the Laura Jean Libbey lines.

Today the widow and her brother said they would have to do something desperate—and so she will sing on the stage instead of working in the mill. Her brother Forbes said he received an offer of a dollar a week to sing at the — theatre on Broadway.

And so this dash into vaudeville, it is believed, will tide them over the present financial difficulties.

The widow tried her voice out today at a small theatre quite a large number of popular songs for a woman who has had so much trouble.

Even after the hotel expenses for one day at the Adelphi and two days at the Continental are deducted, the widow and her brother may have a mite left from their first week's salary.

LATEST TALKING MACHINE RECORDS ARE TUNEFUL LOT

March Output Presents New and Attractive Music

One of the strongest and most attractive lists of records issued recently by the talking machine companies is the output of Columbia records for March, placed on sale this morning.

If one likes a lively rattle melody of the latest Broadway manufacture there is a large selection to choose from. Little gems of music, both instrumental and vocal, culled from the compositions of the masters by adequate judges, are sprinkled here and there.

Philadelphians who have been spectators at Army-Navy games and watched the middle from Annapolis march around the field with their mascot with every blue uniform contrasting sharply with the color in the dresses in the stands, will listen with pleasure to the "Anchor's Aweigh March," that the Prince's Band plays, with as much spirit as the Navy Band does.

The magnificent part of the Columbia March program is the chorale and ensembles by the Columbia Opera Chorus with an orchestra accompaniment. One is the bridal chorus from Wagner's "Lohengrin" while the other is the noted professional march from "Tannhauser." The "Lohengrin" chorus is sung in English, but for those who prefer the opera selections in foreign languages there are several tuneful German folksongs by Karl Jory, noted lyric tenor.

Roy Atwell, playwright, actor and humorist, presents his latest comedy sketch in the form of a musical monologue. Bert Williams, the ever-pleasing, puts across two of his talking and singing records this month, while Billy Williams, although dead, remembers in some of the older folk pleasant reflections in two typical music hall songs.

Advertisement for J. E. Caldwell & Co. 902 Chestnut Street. The ad includes the company name and address.

invite consultation with patrons desiring the remodeling of old-fashioned jewelry.

If you've been following the reports of coal miners' and operators' conferences—you have noted that they are apparently no nearer a settlement and we are four week nearer to April 1st.

We say again—keep some extra coal in your bins even if you don't fill them.

Nut, \$7.50; Stove, \$7.25; Egg, \$7.00; Pea, \$5.25; shot in. Carried, 25c extra.

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